

***What is Claimed is:***

1. A computer system having a local or remote low-voltage power button, comprising:  
a main unit comprising an enclosure and circuitry for sensing activity in a low-voltage power button; and  
a first socket or plug accessible from the exterior of the enclosure and electrically coupled to the circuitry for sensing activity in a low-voltage power button;  
wherein the first socket or plug is adapted to removably mate with a corresponding socket or plug of either a low-voltage power button or a low-voltage power button extender assembly.
2. The computer system of claim 1:  
further comprising the low-voltage power button;  
wherein the low-voltage power button comprises a switch integrated in fixed relationship with and electrically coupled to a second socket or plug, the second socket or plug adapted to removably mate with the first socket or plug.
3. The computer system of claim 1:  
further comprising the low-voltage power button extender assembly;  
wherein the low-voltage power button extender assembly comprises a switch electrically coupled to a second socket or plug by a flexible cable, the second socket or plug adapted to removably mate with the first socket or plug.
4. The computer system of claim 1:  
wherein the first socket or plug is located on a front surface of the enclosure.

5. The computer system of claim 2:  
further comprising a light operable to indicate the current power state of the  
computer system;  
wherein the light is located on a housing of the switch.
6. The computer system of claim 2:  
further comprising a light operable to indicate the current power state of the  
computer system;  
wherein the light is integrated within the switch.
7. The computer system of claim 5:  
wherein the light comprises a light-emitting diode.
8. The computer system of claim 6:  
wherein the light comprises a light-emitting diode.
9. The computer system of claim 3:  
further comprising a light operable to indicate the current power state of the  
computer system;  
wherein the light is located on a housing of the switch.
10. The computer system of claim 3:  
further comprising a light operable to indicate the current power state of the  
computer system;  
wherein the light is integrated within the switch.

11. The computer system of claim 9:  
wherein the light comprises a light-emitting diode.

12. The computer system of claim 10:  
wherein the light comprises a light-emitting diode.